

INDIANA STATE PRISON



Early Uniformed Staff

From all the employees of the
Indiana State Prison,
Happy Sesquicentennial
Birthday Celebration
Indiana State Prison
150 YEARS



Early Work Crew

ISP History

- 1816, Indiana was granted statehood.
- 1822, The first Indiana State Prison, known as Prison South, was built in Jeffersonville, Indiana, located near the Ohio River.
- 1859, The process began to build a second prison which was also named Indiana State Prison, and was referred to as Prison North.

In 1933, John Dillinger's gang broke out of the Indiana State Prison after two handguns were smuggled in.

Superintendents/Warden

32 Wardens/Superintendents have served at ISP. There have been 26 Wardens. In 1982, the name changed to Superintendents. It is the same position, just a name change. The first warden was C. W. Seely, appointed to the office March 15, 1859; and the current Superintendent is William K. Wilson.



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Mission Statement

To provide a secure environment for staff and offenders that promotes public safety and provides an opportunity for staff development, and offender programming to ensure safety and cost effectiveness.

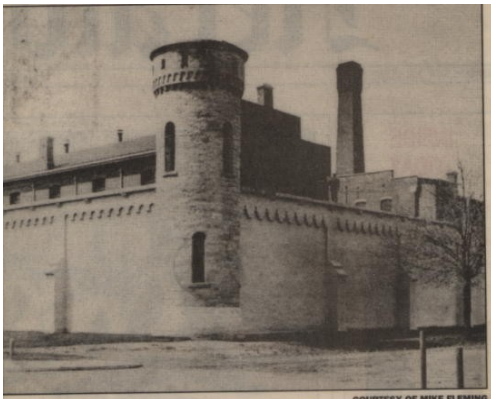
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The Wall

Currently, the wall is 30 ft high and has 10 ft of razor wire at the top.

- In 1935, the height of the wall was increased by 8 feet when the catwalk was added. The catwalk is a tunnel staff use to walk to the gun towers.
- In 1994, the South Gate was constructed. It is used for delivering food to the Prisoners Dining Hall.
- The replacement of the wall began August 16, 1999, and was completed in December of 2000. The entire perimeter wall was replaced in sections. Portions of the wall had been standing since Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States.
- It is the only time, in the United States, a perimeter wall was replaced while offenders were still housed in the facility.
- The interior north wall that separates Recreation from the rest of the institution, was removed in May of 2000.
- On June 7, 2000, the original corner stone of the wall of the Indiana State Prison was donated to the Michigan City Historical Society.



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1906

The Indiana State Prison is the oldest operating facility in the State of Indiana. The facility is located on the west side of Michigan City. Construction began in 1859, and the first offenders arrived at the facility by train in 1860.

The compound surrounds 24 acres of land that encompasses 53 buildings, 15 of which are housing units. The security levels include high, medium, and maximum male offenders. Inside the wall 2,069 offenders can be housed.

Outside the thirty-foot cement wall is the minimum security facility, which houses an additional 385 non-violent offenders.

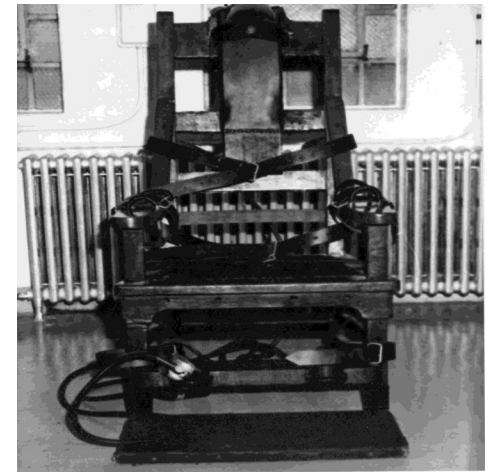
IDOC Vision Statement



As the model of public safety, the Indiana Department of Correction returns productive citizens to our communities and supports a culture of inspiration, collaboration, and achievement.

IDOC Mission Statement

The Indiana Department of Correction advances public safety and successful re-entry through dynamic supervision, programming, and partnerships.



Capital Punishment

Between 1897 and 2010, a total of 94 offenders have been executed in the State of Indiana for capital offenses.

- 1897- 1907: Hanging was the form of capital punishment and 13 were hanged.
- 1914 -1995, electrocution was used and 62 were electrocuted.
- James Dalhover, a Federal Prisoner was executed at the prison.
- 1996 – 2010, Lethal injection was approved as the new form of capital punishment. 19 have been executed by means of lethal injection.
- 2 offenders executed in another states; Michael Lockhart was executed in Texas and Alton Colman in Ohio.
- December 8, 1994, Offender Gregory Resnover was put to death in the electric chair. This was the first electrocution since 1985. He was the last offender to be executed in the electric chair at the state prison.
- July 18, 1996, Offender Tommy Smith was put to death by lethal injection. This was the first lethal injection used at the Indiana State Prison.
- December 11, 2009, Offender Matthew Eric Wrinkles was the last offender to be executed.